GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services-Treasuries and Accounts Department -Allegation of Corruption of Demand and Acceptance of Bribe against Sri Gopu Chella Rao, Formerly Senior Accountant, O/o Divisional Sub-Treasury, Kakinada, East Godavari District -Trapped on 14-03-2014- Sanction for Prosecution - Accorded -Orders-issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.102 dt:25-08-2015

ORDER:

WHEREAS, Sri. Gopu Chella Rao, S/o Late Padma Raju worked as Senior Accountant, 0/0 Divisional Sub-Treasury, Kakinada, East Godavari District, from 20-05-2013 to 14-03-2014 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2 (C) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. AND WHEREAS, Kum, Pothula Mehar lavanya, D/o late Lakshmana Kumar, R/o Narasanna Nagar, Kakinada, East Godavari District is studying M.Tech.

3. AND WHEREAS, it is alleged that Sri. Pothula Lakshmanan Kumar (late), father of Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya, worked as Hostel Manager, Government Polytechnic Women's College, Kakinada and retired from service on 30-04-2012. As he died due to ill-health on 16-01-2014, the mother of Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya submitted an application to Sub-Treasury, Kakinada during 15t week of February, 2014 for sanction of Family Pension. Having come to know that the cheque in favour of mother of Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya is issued towards cremation expenses, she along with her mother went to the Sub-Treasury on 17-02-2014 and received the cheque. When they enquired with the STO regarding pension, he advised them to meet Sri Gopu Chella Rao. Accordingly, Kum Pothula Mehar Lavanya and her mother met Sri Gopu Chella Rao on the same day and when enquired about the Family Pension, he asked them to furnish Death Certificate of Late Lakshmana Kumar and Xerox copy of passbook of account holder of Family Pensioner. Accordingly, they furnished the above documents and Sri Gopu Chella Rao informed them that he would process the file. One week after that, Sri Gopu Chella Rao called Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya over phone and asked her to get the application of her mother attested. Accordingly, Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya on 02-03-2014 got the application of her mother attested and re-submitted to Sri Gopu Chella Rao on 03-03-2014 and when enquired with Sri Gopu Chella Rao about Family Pension of her mother, he demanded Rs. 5,000/- bribe for processing the file. When Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya expressed her inability to give the bribe amount, Sri. Gopu Chella Rao advised her to discuss the matter after two days. Again on 05-03-2014, the mother of Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya, having received phone call, approached Sri. Gopu Chella Rao who got her signatures on some papers. Again on 07-03-2014, when Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya went to Treasury office and enquired with Sri Gopu Chella Rao with regard to Family Pension of her mother, he reiterated his earlier demand. When Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya requested expressing her inability to pay the bribe, he reduced the same to Rs.3,000/-and stated that he would process the file only after receiving the bribe amount. Having no other option, Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya unwillingly agreed to comply with his demand, then Sri. Gopu Chella Rao asked her to come to his Office on 14-03-2014 and to bring bribe amount of Rs.3,000/. As she was not willing to pay the bribe, she lodged a report with the ACB Officials at Kakinad, then the DSP, ACB, Rajahmundry, who after observing procedural formalities, registered a case in Cr No. 04/RCT-RJY/2014 U/s. 7 of P.0 Act 1988 and submitted FIR to the concerned and made arrangements for laying the trap.

4. AND WHEREAS, after completion of pre trap proceedings, the party left vicinity of the office of Sri Gopu Chella Rao on 14-03-2014, where he was successfully trapped when he further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.3,000/- from Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya. When the fingers of both the hands Sri. Gopu Chella Rao are subjected to chemical test, the test on both the hand fingers of Sri. Gopu Chella Rao

yielded positive results. In pursuance of the information furnished by Sri Gopu Chella Rao, the tainted amount of Rs.3,000/- was recovered from left side shirt pocket of Sri. Gopu Chella Rao. When compared, the serial numbers of the recovered currency notes were found tallied with those of the serial nos. of the currency notes handed over by Kum. Pothula Mehar Lavanya during pre-trap proceedings. The chemical tests conducted on inner linings of the left side shirt pocket of Sri. Gopu Chella Rao also yielded positive result. The DSP seized the tainted amount, shirt of Sri Gopu Chella Rao, resultant solutions, relevant records and examined the witness. He also prepared rough sketch of the scene of offence.

6 AND WHEREAS, the above said acts of Sri. Gopu Chella Rao, worked as Senior Accountant, 0/0 Divisional Sub-Treasury, Kakinada, East Godavari District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 & 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

7. AND WHEREAS, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Gopu Chella Rao, worked as Senior Accountant, 0/0. Divisional Sub-Treasury, Kakinada, East Godavari District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. FIR, Mediator Reports, statement of witnesses, made up files, explanation of Sri Gopu Chella Rao etc.,and final report of the D.G., A.C.B.) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Gopu Chella Rao, worked as Senior Accountant, 0/o Divisional Sub-Treasury, Kakinada, East Godavari District should be prosecuted in a court of law.

8. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act. 1988, the Government hereby accord sanction for Prosecution of Sri Gopu Chella Rao, worked as Senior Accountant, 0/0 Divisional Sub-Treasury, Kakinada, East Godavari District for the above said offences punishable under section 7 & 13(2) read with 13(1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M RAVI CHANDRA
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (R&E)

To
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.